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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Notification by Northeast Telephone Company That It
Intends to Increase Telephone Rates

4210-TR-101

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING
AND
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

THIS IS A PROCEEDING opened in response to the notice received on April 27, 1999, from Northeast Telephone Company, that it intends to increase rates for local exchange telephone service at its Krakow, Mill Center, Oneida, and Pulaski exchanges in Brown, Oconto, Outagamie, and Shawano counties. The utility mailed notice of the increase to its customers on April 28, 1999. Under Wis. Stat. § 196.215(3)(a), the proposed rates will become effective July 1, 1999, as specified in the notice. Customers have the opportunity to petition the Commission for an investigation of the utility's rate increase.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will investigate this matter under Wis. Stat. § 196.215(3)(a). If, within 60 days of the mailing of the utility's notice to customers, the Commission receives a petition from at least 500 customers requesting that the Commission determine rates, further investigation will be necessary. The utility's proposed increases may still go into effect; however, the rates will then be subject to refund.

The Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator Tom Gross at (608) 267-2337 or (800) 225-7729.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, _____

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
Secretary to the Commission

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